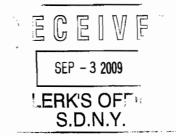
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Re: The Authors Guild, Inc. et al v. Google Inc., Case No. 05 CV 8136 (S.D.N.Y.).

1. September 2009 Wi / Cy

Dear Office of the Clerk,

my name is Dr. h.c. Karl-Peter Winters, and I am CEO (Verleger) of the Verlag Dr. Otto Schmidt KG, a book publisher located in Cologne/Germany. The Verlag Dr. Otto Schmidt KG is a member of the settlement class embraced by the proposed settlement agreement that is before this Court in this action (the "Settlement Agreement"), because it owns rights in books that are protected by U.S. copyright law. We write to object to the Settlement Agreement.

We do not have the resources to provide this Court with legal briefing regarding our objections nor do we wish to burden this Court with duplicative filings. We therefore join in the objections that have been presented to this Court by Scott Gant and the group of foreign publishers and publishing associations that includes the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels and others, for the reasons presented to this Court by those individuals and entities.

In addition, we wish to inform this Court that the written notice our company received of the Settlement Agreement in German was extremely difficult to read and included a number of meaningless or nonsensical terms and had obviously been translated very poorly. We present this letter to the Court in English, for the Court's convenience, it was translated for us.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully yours,

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